# **Fire and Rescue Service**

# PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

The mission of the combined and integrated Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is to protect life, property, and the environment with comprehensive emergency medical, fire, and disaster prevention/educational programs, and with the delivery of efficient and effective readiness, response, and emergency management through skilled, motivated, and compassionate service providers. The Fire and Rescue Service Capital Program provides for the repair and renovation of existing facilities and construction of new or replacement facilities at appropriate locations throughout the County to ensure prompt and efficient fire, rescue, and emergency medical services.

Fire, rescue, and emergency medical services are provided throughout the County by the combination fire service consisting of County career staff and 19 local volunteer fire and rescue departments, which operate 34 fire and rescue stations and 11 worksites. The majority of these corporations receive annual tax support. Tax funds are used to support operations and to renovate and/or build capital facilities. Staffing is provided by career personnel and supplemented with volunteers within the framework of Countywide policies and procedures established by the Fire and Rescue Commission. The Fire and Rescue Service also directs and provides services in the areas of program development, fire prevention, fire and explosives investigations, communications, training, emergency medical services, and emergency management preparedness.

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Upgrade emergency power system at all fire stations to ensure all facilities are fully operational in the event of power failure.
- Design to renovate a 52-year old fire station in Glen Echo in order to meet current and future fire/rescue services delivery requirements and to bring the facility to current safety standards.
- Build new fire stations in East Germantown, West Germantown, Clarksburg, and Travilah areas.

# **PROGRAM CONTACTS**

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# **CAPITAL PROGRAM REVIEW**

The FY07-12 Capital Improvements Program for the Fire and Rescue Service includes capital projects totaling \$74.0 million. This represents a \$21.0 million or 39.8 percent increase from the FY05-10 Amended Program of \$52.9 million. The program includes two new projects and 14 ongoing projects.

